

Claims 1-4, 6-11 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand, *et al.* (US Patent No. 5,710,900, 1/20/98, hereinafter "Anand") in view of Peters, *et al.* (US Patent No. 5,884,284, 3/16/99, hereinafter "Peters").

Claims 5 and 12 remain rejected under 35 U.C.S. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anand and Peters as applied to claims 1 and 8 above, and further in view of Melchione, *et al.* (US Patent No. 5,930,764, 7/27/99).

In previous Amendments and Responses, Applicant has asserted the patentability of Applicant's claim 1 over the cited references, stating the failure of the cited references to teach the limitation of, "a data manager arranged to relate data maintained independently from the host site and input by a user with the user's billing and inventory data for display as part of a requested report." Applicant once again asserts this reason for allowance of claim 1.

In the most recent Office Action, the Office Action states that the cited limitation may be found in Peters at col. 8, lines 46-59, and col. 10, lines 16-18. However, nowhere in the cited passages of Peters, nor anywhere else that Applicant can find, does Peters teach that memos, letters, or any other data are maintained independently from the host site. The Office Action states that, "[t]he memos are maintained independently from the host site since the memos are inputted and created by users at the client site as notices related to the billing, not the data kept at the host site for calculating the billing." However, Applicant believes this credits Peters with teaching something not disclosed. Peters does not teach a location where the memos and letters are maintained. One construction, not contrary to Peters' teaching, would be that the letters and memos are maintained at the central storage device. Thus, Peters fails to teach the cited limitation from claim 1, and Applicant believes claim 1 to be allowable over the cited references, at least for this reason.

Applicant believes claim 8 to be allowable for similar reasons. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1, and claims 9-12 depend from claim 8. Thus, these dependent claims are believed to be patentable, at least for the reasons stated above with respect to the parent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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